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**STATEMENT**

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Sirs:

In connection with the Office Action dated June 3, 2005 for the above-captioned application and pursuant to MPEP § 706.02(1)(2), Applicants state that the subject matter of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,099,562; 6,284,305; 6,620,194 to Ding *et al.* (hereinafter the "Ding patents") and the claimed invention of the above-captioned application were, at the time the claimed invention was made, subject to an obligation to assign their respective inventions to Schneider (USA), Inc. Pursuant to this obligation, the Ding patents and the present application were assigned to Schneider (USA), Inc., predecessor in interest to the present owner of these patents and the present application, Boston Scientific Scimed, Inc.

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